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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane,
Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30,
Cornhill. GORDON & GOTOH, Ludgate
Circle. E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co.,
4, Old Jewry. E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON &
Co., 150 & 152, Leadenhall Street.
NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau
Street.
AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND:—GORDON & GOTOH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.
SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally:—BRAN & BLACK, San Fran-
cisco.
CHINA:—SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Amoy, Swatow, Hongkong, Shanghai,
Peking, Hankow, Canton, and other
ports. L. A. DA SILVA, Macao.

BANK.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK- ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMANN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SAMPSON, Esq.
E. R. BELLING, Esq. WILHELM REINHARDT,
W. H. FORBES, Esq. Esq.
Hon. W. KESWICK, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq.
A. McIVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, . . . EMMET CAMPBELL, Esq.
London, . . . LONDON BANKERS—London and County
Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.
Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr EDWARD SHEPPARD
and Mr M. W. GREIG, are autho-
rized to Sign the name of our Firm per
Production at Fookchow, and Mr F. F.
ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day bought the GOOD-
WILL of the late Firm of BROADBENT,
ANTHONY & Co., and OPENED BUSINESS
in the Premises occupied by that Firm,
under the Style of ROBERT MORE, as
SHIPCHANDLER, SAILMAKER, and GENERAL
STOREKEEPER.

ROBERT MORE.

Hongkong, May 31, 1877. je8

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-
BRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junior,
and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DONNER,
have been admitted Partners in our Firm
from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai.
Hongkong, April 16, 1877. j10

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIS will Conduct the
BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my
Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. sc18

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 15th day of November,
1876, and until further notice, the
BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN-
SARY will be carried on by the Under-
signed.

WM. CRUIKSHANK,

Manager.
Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I,
A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo,
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.
Tübingen.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just
Received an Invoice of
COPE, BROTHERS & Co.'s TOBACCOES
and CIGARETTES.
COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD.
COPE'S BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE.
COPE'S SMOKING MIXTURE.
COPE'S PEERLESS CIGARETTES.
COPE'S BOUQUET CIGARETTES.
COPE'S FAIRY CIGARETTES.
COPE'S FANCY BRILLIANTS.
COPE'S WHIFFS.
Hongkong, May 25, 1877. je22

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having
been Appointed SOLE AGENTS in
HONGKONG for the well-known Firm
of Messrs M. B. FOSTER & SONS,
(CHIEF AGENTS IN ENGLAND for
Messrs BASS & Co.,) are prepared to Supply
ALE and STOUT of their Bottling at \$8
per Case of 3 doz. quarts, and \$10.50 per
Case of 6 doz. pints.
The Superior Quality of this BEER is
undoubted, and L. C. & Co. confidently
recommend it.
Hongkong, May 28, 1877. je28

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s
Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

JUST LANDED.

EX "HOPE," AND OTHER LATE ARRIVALS.
AN Invoice of GUINNESS' STOUT,
Bottled by BOURKE, in Pints
and Quarts.
100 Cases HENNESSY'S BRANDY, 1,
2, and 3 Star.
An Invoice of HUBBUCK'S PAINTS,
OILS, and TURPENTINE.
CANVAS HOSE.
OILMAN'S STORES.
And a variety of other Goods.

ROBERT MORE,

LATE
BROADBENT, ANTHONY & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1877. je9

APOLLINARIS

NATURAL MINERAL WATER.

A POLLINARIS WATER.—"It is, in
our opinion, superior for table
purposes to any other mineral water with
which we are acquainted. It is strongly efferves-
cent, and forms an exceedingly pleasant and
refreshing beverage, either alone or in
combination with wine; and it is not, we
are informed by an eminent medical friend,
liable to that charge which has been so
frequently brought against soda and other
waters—that they have a depressing effect
upon the system. On the contrary, medical
testimony is unanimous in favour of the
high therapeutic qualities of Apollinaris
Water."—Civil Service Review.

APOLLINARIS WATER IS CERTAINLY
THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATER. It is softer
and more refreshing than its only rival
Seltzer Water (Nassau Seltzer Brunnens),
and is more pleasant to the palate. Over
all manufactured Aerated Waters it has an
incomparable superiority.

"APOLLINARIS WATER is, moreover, a
water of great organic purity, another
highly important desideratum, in which
artificial Aerated Waters often dangerously
fail. Its place seems, therefore, marked
as the favoured beverage of the favoured
classes who can select their drinking water.
Physicians will find it a valuable addition
to their resources as a cool and refreshing
drink, antacid, and useful in promoting
digestion and gastric irritation. Such a
water is the sworn enemy of gout, rheuma-
tism, and their congeners."—London Medical
Record.

APOLLINARIS WATER.—Dr. HER-
MANN WEBER, F.R.C.P., writes:—"Hav-
ing largely used it during the last seven
years, I have found it of great value as an
article of diet in gouty dispositions, in
lithic acid diathesis, in tendency to gall-
stones, in some forms of catarrh of the
bladder, and in chronic catarrh of the
respiratory organs; in the latter, either
heated by itself or mixed with hot milk or
whey. To many persons the Apollinaris
forms an agreeable and useful addition to
bitter waters, and a good vehicle for some
medicines."—Brit. Med. Jour.

PRICES.

CASE OF 50 QUARTS (STONE BOTTLES) \$10
" 50 PINTS " " \$8
CASES, 8 DOZ. SODA-WATER BOTTLES \$15

N.B.—Stone Quart = 3 Soda-water Bottles.
Pint = 1 1/2 "

\$2 Allowed for the Soda-water Bottles,
if Returned.

GEO. SMITH & Co.,

Agents for China and Japan.
NORTON & Co.,
Agents in Hongkong.
May 9, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,
Carte Blanche "Dry."
THE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,
Carte Blanche.
JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and
WHITE WINES.
STARTUP & KENTISH'S PORTS and
SHERRIES.
MOULTON & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars.
BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS.
JUSTUS LEMBKE & Co.
Hongkong, April 9, 1877. j59

FOR SALE.

THE IRON SCREW STEAMER
"ALBAT."
THE above Steamer was Built in Glas-
gow in 1872 by Messrs DOBIE &
Co., under special survey of LLOYD'S, and
Her MACHINERY and BOILER were
made by Messrs JAMES HOWDEN & Co.,
under special inspection. She was con-
structed to carry a large Cargo on a light
draft of water and is well adapted for the
Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She
underwent general Repairs in 1875, when
New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete
outfit were supplied by the HONGKONG AND
WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, and in March
of the present year her Engines and Boiler
were thoroughly overhauled.

DIMENSIONS.—Length between Perpendi-
culars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 8 inches.
Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck,
9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck
to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 4 1/2
inches.

GROSS TONNAGE.—550 Tons.

CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyd's.

RIG.—Brig Rigged.

CARGO CAPACITY.—About 9,000 piculs, or
625 tons Measurement (40 feet).

DRAFT.—Light 9 feet; Loaded 12 1/2 feet.

SPEED.—Eight knots on consumption of 8 1/2
to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY.—75 tons coals.

CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon,
pantry and five state rooms, with accom-
modation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

ENGINE.—A pair of Howden's patent High
and Low Pressure Engines of 90 Horse
Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder
25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45
inches in diameter; Stroke 30 inches.

PROPELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades,
with One Shaft Set of Blades.

WINCH.—One Steam Winch with Donkey
Boiler on Deck.

BOILER.—One Horizontal Tubular Boiler
11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested
for a working pressure of 60 pounds.

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

FOR SALE.

A MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse
Power Nominal, High and Low
Pressure, with Extra SURFACE CONDENSER
and TUBULAR BOILER. Consumption, 2
Tons per 24 Hours.
The Engine is quite new; was manufac-
tured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co.,
Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the
Godown of the late firm of Russell &
Sturges, Manila.

Particulars may be obtained on applica-
tion to
MORRIS & RAY.
Hongkong, March 20, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,

the 11th June, 1877, (or Private Sale
before the Day of Sale), at 2 p.m.,—
The well-known Tavern called the
"STAR TAVERN," situated in Queen's
Road West, No. 200, with FURNI-
TURE, FIXTURES, LIQUORS,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. GUEDES, Jr., Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 23, 1877. jell

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received in-
structions from H. M. Naval Store-
keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,

the 13th day of June, 1877, at 11 o'clock
a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—
SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL
and VICTUALLING STORES, and
PROVISIONS.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All Lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, June 2, 1877. jell

Intimations.

THE GIANT CHANG OUTDONE.

YOW SHAN, the Great CHINESE
GIANT of Modern Times, is now on
EXHIBITION at No. 42, HOLLYWOOD
ROAD. This Giant is well-proportioned,
and in regard to size and general appear-
ance beats CHANG hollow. He is a
native of Kwang-si, and is only 22 years of
age. Such a Giant is not to be often met
with, and he Deserves a Call.
Doors Open throughout the Day and in
the Evening.
ADMISSION—FIFTY CENTS.
Hongkong, June 2, 1877. je9

NOTICE is hereby given that the Owners
of the British Ship "FIREHIRE,"
will no longer be Responsible for Debts
incurred by Captain NISS, late Master, and
that all Persons supplying Goods or making
Advances to him do so at their own risk.
Particulars of all Claims outstanding are
to be forwarded to Robert Greig, Master
of the British Ship *Hannah Law*,
ROBT. GREIG,
Agent for the Owners.
Hongkong, June 1, 1877. je8

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR
1876.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office
are requested to Furnish the Under-
signed with a List of their Contribution
for the Year ending 31st December, 1876,
in order that the distribution of the Net
Profits reserved for Contributors may be
arranged. Returns, not rendered prior to
the 31st August next, will be adjusted by
the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will
be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, May 1, 1877. sel

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Underigned having been Appoint-
ed AGENTS of the above Company at
HONGKONG and FOCHOW, are
prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies
by any First-Class Steamers, at current
rates, Payable either here, in LONDON, or
in LIVERPOOL, or at the principal Ports of
INDIA and the East.

BIRLEY & Co.,

Agents.
Hongkong, May 21, 1877. an22

DENTAL NOTICE.

ON and after the 28th of May, Dr.
STOUT'S Consulting and Operating
ROOMS will be on the Ground Floor of
the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM
TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this Company has
This Day been Transferred to THE
MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, Old
Broad Street, LONDON.

By Order of the Proprietors,
WILLIAM HUNT,
Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street,
LONDON,
1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE Co.

20, Old Broad Street,
LONDON,
1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING.
RESERVE FUND, £340,000 "

WITH Reference to the foregoing Adver-
tisement THE MARINE INSUR-
ANCE Co. has This Day taken over the
Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL
STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appoint-
ed Mr A. McIVER as its AGENT in Hong-
kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ROBERT J. LODGE,
Manager.

THE Underigned is prepared to Accept
Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the
MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class
Steamer.

A. McIVER,
Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of
London.
Hongkong, February 18, 1877. au17

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Captain PRINCE, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on TUESDAY, the 5th Proximo, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 31, 1877. je8

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
The Steamship
"OCEAN,"
Capt. JACQUES, will leave for
the above Ports on THURSDAY,
the 7th Instant, at 3 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 1, 1877. je7

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 British Ship
"HANNAH LAW,"
ROBERT GREIG, Master, will
load here, and will have quick
despatch.
For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 British Clipper Ship
"GRYFE,"
T. ROBERTS, Master, will load
here for the above Port, and will
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, June 2, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Ship
"HIGHLANDER,"
HUTCHINSON, Master, will load
here and will have quick de-
spatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 British Ship
"MADURA,"
STANTON, Master, will load
here and will have immediate
despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, May 18, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Ship
"THOMAS LORD,"
HALL, Master, will load here
and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 26, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.
The A 1 American Ship
"NEW ERA,"
SAYER, Master, will load here
and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, April 27, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship
"STRACATHRU,"
J. T. MILLAR, Master, will
load here for the above Port,
and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1877. jyl

FOR HONOLULU.
The A 1 American Bark
"HARRIET N. CARLTON,"
G. T. HARENESS, Master, will
load here for the above Port,
and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, June 1, 1877. jyl

FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.
The A 1 American Bark
"HELENA,"
Captain SNOW, having most of
her Cargo engaged, will have
quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 10, 1877. jell

FOR NEW YORK.
The American Ship
"FLEETWING,"
Guest, Master, having the
greater portion of her Cargo
engaged, will load here and/or at Whampoa,
and have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, May 20, 1877. jell

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.
The A 1 British Bark
"NOVELTY,"
Captain COLLIVER, having the
greater portion of her Cargo
engaged, will have quick despatch as
above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS.
GORDON CASTLE,
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed, at their risk,
into the Godowns of Mr A. McI. HAZON,
whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to receive their
Goods on the Wharf are at liberty to
do so.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,
unless notice to the contrary be given
before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 9th Instant will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 2, 1877. je9

BARQUE HOPE, FROM LONDON.

THIS Vessel having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are requested to send in their
Bills of Lading to the Underigned for
countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense.

Intimations.

PIANO TUNING.

MR. A. HAHN, PRACTICAL PIANO MANUFACTURER, REPAIRER, and TUNER, begs leave to inform the Community of Hongkong of his arrival at this Port on a visit, and that he is now prepared to TUNE and REPAIR PIANOS, HARMONIUMS, Etc., at Moderate charges, during his short stay.

Orders left in care of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. or Messrs CHAS. J. GAUFF & Co., will meet with prompt attention.
Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

A THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT AND ARITHMETICIAN Desires an ENGAGEMENT.

"Activity," care of this Office.
Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ROSINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
TULUOGHORM, British 3-m. schooner, Captain Mason.—Wieler & Co.
HANNAH LAW, British ship, Captain R. Greig.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
VESTA, German barque, Captain R. Dirks.—Melchers & Co.
HANNAH & MAX, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order.
FORMOSA, German barque, Captain Schweger.—Melchers & Co.
BARBARA TAYLOR, British schooner, Captain John Taylor.—McEwen, Fricke & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOIHOW.
The Steamship "PENEDO," Captain T. O'NEIL, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 5 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FOR AMOY.
The Steamship "EMUY," Captain F. BLANCO, will be despatched for the above Port on or about the 10th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
FOOK MOW LOONG & Co.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.
Via Ports of Call.
The German Steamship "FERONIA," Captain STULTZ, Master, will be despatched as above on or about the 13th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents S. S. Feronia.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE S. S. ARGYLL, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for counter-signature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. GLENGYLE, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. To-morrow.
Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

THE "FIFESHIRE."

WITH Reference to the Notice Dated the 1st instant, purporting to be Signed by ROBERT GREIG, I hereby give Notice that I am the lawfully appointed and legally constituted Master of the above Vessel, that I have never been displaced from my command nor done any act rendering myself liable to be so displaced, and that I repudiate and deny the right of the said ROBERT GREIG to give any notice, He, GREIG, is Master of the Ship *Hannah Law*, which does not belong to the same Owners as the *Fifeshire*, and had no authority for publishing such notice. All Debts due in respect of the *Fifeshire* will be duly discharged by me, and I caution the public from being misled by the unauthorized and wholly unwarranted Notice in question, which so far from protecting the Owners of the *Fifeshire* is calculated to prejudice their interests.
Hongkong, 4th day of June, 1877.
M. R. NISS,
Master of the British Ship *Fifeshire*.



STEAMSHIP FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Marseilles
and Southampton.

Also,
Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship, *KANIGAR*, Captain BAKER, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 16th June, at Noon.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION,
OF
ENGLISH AND COLONIAL-MADE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
A SPLENDID GRAND CONCERT
PIANO.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
ON
SATURDAY,
the 16th day of June, 1877, at 2 p.m.,
at No. 5, Chancery Lane,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of a Gentleman leaving the Colony, Consisting of: English-made Covered Couches and Chairs, Drawing-room Marble-top Centre and Side Tables, Engravings, Curtains,
Dining Table, Whist-table, Side Boards, Chairs, Dinner and Dessert Services, Plated and Glass-ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Tables and Glasses, Cheval Glass, &c., &c.

Also,
A Fine, and in splendid condition, A Grand Concert PIANO, by COLLARD & COLLARD, late of the "City Hall."

See Catalogues.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All Lots with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
J. M. GUEDES, JR., Auctioneer.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 3, *Christian*, German three-masted schooner, from Whampoa.
June 3, *Helena*, German barque, 872, T. A. Volquardsen, Saigon May 23, Rice, Water & Co.
June 3, *Alina*, British barque, 300, A. E. Guilbert, Keelung May 29, Coal.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
June 3, *Sourabaya*, Dutch barque, 462, H. Verdun, Bangkok May 4, Rice.—ORDER.
June 3, *Roderick Hay*, British barque, 390, P. H. Nicolson, Bangkok May 16, General.—CHINESE.
June 3, *Penedo*, British steamer, 654, John Cain, Hoihow June 2, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
June 3, 8 a.m., *Chinkiang*, British str., 798, Orr, Shanghai May 30, 2 a.m., General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
June 3, *Macgregor*, British steamer, 2465, Newell, Saigon May 30, Rice and General.—GILMAN & Co.
June 3, *Emuy*, Spanish steamer, 222, Francisco Blanco, Manila May 29, General.—REMEDIOS & Co.
June 4, *Gleugyle*, British steamer, 1847, T. S. Jackson, Shanghai May 31, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
June 4, *W. Cora de Vries*, British str., 394, George Welner, Singapore May 19, General.—HOK MOH LEONG.
June 4, *Anani*, British barque, 468, J. Hill, Bangkok May 13, Rice and Timber.—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
June 4, *Friedrich Perthes*, German barque, 480, A. Kayer, Liverpool Dec. 2, Coal.—SIEMSEN & Co.
June 4, *Argyll*, British steamer, 1271, Scott, Calcutta May 20, Sand Head 24, Penang 26, and Singapore 29, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
June 4, *Gemma*, British steamer, 800, W. M. Lang, s.s., Plymouth Feb. 23, via ports of call, and Singapore May 27, Ballast.—F. DEGENHAR.
June 4, *Delta*, British steamer, 102, Lawrence Ching, s.s., Plymouth Feb. 23, via ports of call, and Singapore May 27, Ballast.—F. DEGENHAR.
June 4, *Glengyle*, British steamer, 1265, B. Quarty, London April 17, via ports of call, and Singapore May 26, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
June 4, *Pernambuco*, British steamer, 645, Wm. Hyde, Saigon May 30, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

June 3, *Diomed*, for Shanghai.
3, *Bowen*, for Focchoo.
3, *Chinkiang*, for Canton.
3, *Sunda*, for Yokohama.
4, *Feronia*, for Swatow.
4, *Teheran*, for Shanghai.
4, *Gordon Castle*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Predo, for Macao.
Ophirene, for Saigon.
Hydra, for Callao.
Glamis, for Shingawwa (Japan).
Norna, for Swatow.
Mecca, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Gleugyle*, from Shanghai, Messrs Overton and Simonds, and 2 Chinese.
Per *Penedo*, from Hoihow, 1 European and 28 Chinese.
Per *Macgregor*, from Saigon, 150 Chinese.
Per *Emuy*, from Manila, 4 Europeans and 89 Chinese.
Per *Anani*, from Bangkok, 5 Chinese.
Per *Argyll*, from Stralta, 333 Chinese.
Per *Glengyle*, from Singapore, 18 Chinese and 1 European deck.
Per *Pernambuco*, from Saigon, 4 Chinese.
Per *Bowen*, for Focchoo, Mrs. D. E. Caldwell and 3 children, and Mr. Williams.
Per *Sunda*, for Yokohama, Mr. and Mrs. Dare, Mr. S. Helen, and 10 Chinese deck.
Per *Feronia*, for Swatow, Messrs Wm. Pustau, jr., M. Samuel, and Meyer, and 10 Chinese.
Per *Diomed*, for Amoy, 224 Chinese.
Per *Gordon Castle*, for Shanghai, 4 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Hydra*, for Callao, 6 Chinese.
Per *Norna*, for Swatow, 1 European and 180 Chinese.
Per *Mecca*, for Saigon, 45 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The German barque *Baltic* reports: First 2 days S.W. winds and equally weather to Focchoo. Thence a N.E. gale which lasted 2 days, last part of passage N.E. and E. winds with a heavy sea and thick weather.
The British barque *Alina* reports: Light East and N.E. winds with fine weather throughout the passage.
The Dutch barque *Sourabaya* reports: Strong S.E. winds and heavy sea latter part of passage.
The British barque *Roderick Hay* reports:

Bad weather near Parycols and thick rainy weather throughout with a heavy cross sea.
The British steamer *Penedo* reports: In Hoihow on 28th/29th and 30th, had heavy N.E. gale. Then moderate weather, with light N.E. wind to E. from port to port.

The British steamer *Chinkiang* reports: Light winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Passed S. S. *Fuyew* at 10 a.m. of the 30th ult., a French Mail Steamer at 5 p.m. of the 1st inst., and S. S. *Amoy* at 5.30 a.m. of the 2nd.

The British steamer *Macgregor* reports: From Saigon to Cape Padaran light S.W. winds, from thence to Hongkong fresh N.W. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Gleugyle* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.
The British steamer *W. Cora de Vries* On the 28th May experienced very heavy weather from the N.E. blowing nearly to a gale and heavy sea, and after 24 hours steaming found that the vessel had made no head-way. On the morning of the 30th put into Seong Soey Bay on the coast of Hainan for shelter. Proceeded again at noon of the 31st, and arrived here this day with light N.E. winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Argyll* reports: From Singapore thick and rainy weather with variable winds and calms.
The British steamer *Glengyle* reports: Left Singapore May 26th at 4 p.m., and had moderate S.W. monsoons till 31st. Variable and equally with rain remainder of passage.

The British steamer *Pernambuco* reports: Moderate S.W. winds to Cape Padaran, Northerly winds to Parycols, with thunder and lightning and gloomy weather, afterwards moderate N.E. winds to Ladrones, and rainy to port.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—
Per *MECCA*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst., instead of as previously notified.
For SWATOW.—
Per *NORNA*, at 7.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOCCHOOW.—
Per *DOUGLAS*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.
For KIONGHOW.—
Per *PENEDO*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.
For CALLAO.—
Per Barque *HYDRA*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 5th inst.
For BANGKOK.—
Per *DANUBE*, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th June, instead of as previously notified.
For SINGAPORE AND PENANG.—
Per *PEARL*, at 1.30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 6th inst.

MAILS BY THE FRANCE PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *A.V.A.* will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 9th June, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, June 8th.—
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, June 9th.—
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Australia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *KASHGAR* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 16th June.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Friday, 15th June.—
6 p.m. Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 16th June.—
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted with a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage till
11 a.m. when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till
11.50 a.m. when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, June 4, 1877.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *BELGIO* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 19th June, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, and London, which will be closed as follows:—

2 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes.
2.40 p.m. Correspondence for Japan or the United States only may be posted on board the Packet with a Late Fee of 12 cents extra postage until
2.40 p.m. when the Mail is finally closed.
Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully prepaid will be sent by British Packet.
Hongkong, May 31, 1877.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, June 6:—
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, June 7:—
3 p.m.—Ocean leaves for Singapore and Penang.

FRIDAY, June 8:—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, June 9:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Gordon Castle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SUNDAY, June 10:—
Emuy leaves for Amoy on or about this date.

MONDAY, June 11:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Goodwill, Furniture, Fixtures, Liquors, &c., of the "Star Tavern."

Goods per *Glengyle* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, June 13:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Govt. Store.

Feronia leaves for London and Hamburg on or about this date.

FRIDAY, June 15:—
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, June 16:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at No. 5, Chancery Lane.

TUESDAY, June 19:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Notice of optional cargo per *Glengyle* to be given before 10 a.m.
Noon.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.
5 p.m.—*Penedo* leaves for Hoihow.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 8.15 p.m.

BIRTHS.

At Yokohama, on the 15th May, the Wife of A. H. C. HASELWOOD, of a Son.

At Kienkang, on the 24th of May, 1877 Mrs. THEODORE MOOREHEAD, of a Daughter.

DEATHS.

At the General Hospital, Shanghai, on 30th Instant, JOHN WILSON, aged 52 years, Light-keeper, I. M. Customs Service, native of Sweden.

At Chefoo, on the 24th May, of fever caught in attending Chinese patients, JOHN RICHARD CARMICHAEL, M.R., M.R.C.P., aged 39 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1877.

The telegraphic announcement in another column, that at a great Liberal demonstration held at Birmingham, Mr Gladstone has challenged the Government to test the opinion of the country on the Eastern Question by a dissolution of Parliament, shows that the ex-Premier has not yet recovered from his attack of "Bulgarian horrors." Only last week we were commenting on the disasters that had befallen Mr Gladstone in an organised attack he had made in the House on the Eastern policy of the present Government. It will be recollected that Mr Gladstone had given notice of his intention to move certain resolutions to the effect that the Government should continue to exert its influence on behalf of the oppressed Christians in Turkey, and exact the needful changes in their condition from the Ottoman Government. On the evening appointed for the consideration of these resolutions, the most objectionable portion of them were withdrawn by Mr Gladstone, but not satisfied with this, the House ultimately rejected the remainder by 364 against 223 votes. In the face of this defeat it is refreshing to hear Mr Gladstone challenging the Government to test the opinion of the country on the Eastern question by a dissolution of Parliament. Mr Gladstone knows perfectly well that no Government would be justified in putting a country to the trouble and expense of a general election to test the opinion of the people on a policy that has been approved by a majority of over a hundred in the House of Commons. Governments usually appeal to a minority in the House on some important question, and not after scoring a triumphant success. Mr Gladstone and his supporters in the "Bulgarian horror" campaign seem to be labouring under or to have spread abroad an impression that the present House of Commons does not represent the feeling of the people of

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Via Southern Route.)

THE WAR.

LONDON, 31st May, 1877.

RUMOUR OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

There are vague rumours of peace negotiations being opened through the mediation of Germany.

GERMANY AND FRANCE.

Alsace and Lorraine are being reinforced.

LONDON, 1st June, 1877.

DISSOLUTION PROPOSED.

A great Liberal demonstration has been held at Birmingham, at which Mr Gladstone challenged the Government to test the opinion of the country on the Eastern Question by a dissolution of Parliament.

THE RECAPTURE OF ARDAHAN.

The news of the recapture of Ardahan by the Turkish troops is officially confirmed.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Sir Harry St. George Ord [formerly Governor of the Straits Settlements] has been created Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Legislative Council will meet on Wednesday, the 6th June, at 2.30 p.m.

The M. M. steamer *Hoogy*, with the outward Mails, left Singapore yesterday (Sunday) afternoon.

The steamers *Glenartney* and *Tartar*, from Hankow, are reported to have passed Woon-sung on Sunday evening, 27th May.

We would remind members of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong that a meeting of emergency is to be held to-morrow night.

We are requested to announce that Mrs Pope Hennessy will be "at home," on Wednesday next, June 6, from 5.15 to 7 p.m.

JAPAN was admitted to the Postal Union on the 1st instant, and so far as the Suez route is concerned, the same rates of postage will be charged there as in Hongkong.

The members of the Humane Society held a parade on Saturday afternoon, at Duddell Street, their Head Quarters. An expert from the *Victor Emanuel* gave them instruction in the use of the rocket apparatus.

The maximum temperature at the Harbour Master's office during the last week was 87.0, and the minimum 72.0; at the Peak the maximum was 77.0, and the minimum 64.0. There was no rainfall.

In the Supreme Court to-day, the case of the *Rosina* again engaged the attention of the Court. The Hon. G. Philippo had concluded his argument and Mr Kingmill summed up the points of his address. The case was further adjourned till Thursday next at 10.30 a.m., when the Captain of the *Rosina* will be called.

We note, among the naval news by the mail, the promotion of Nav. Lieut. Jesse Dixon (H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*) to the rank of Staff-commander, with seniority of March 30th last. Surgeons Alex. McDonald, M.D., and Peter Burgess, M.B., formerly stationed here, have been promoted to the rank of Staff-surgeon, with seniority of April 14th.

The Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening at 8.30 p.m.:—

Grand March,.....Heroique,.....Schubert.
Overture,.....*Les Deux Tournees*,.....Cherubini.
Selection,.....*Belshazzar*,.....Donizetti.
Valse,.....*Chants de Noël*,.....Strauss.
Selection,.....*Masaniello*,.....Ambler.
Vocal Gallop,.....*Queen Victoria*,.....Hecker.

Our London correspondent stated, in his letter which appeared lately, "the Chartered Bank has done admirably," and the statement may be verified by a perusal of the report of the meeting which we give elsewhere. It is satisfactory to note that prudence has so tenaciously waited upon success, and that not only has the reserve fund and depreciation been borne in mind, but a superannuation fund has also been commenced, to provide for the Bank's staff in their old age.

Two new gunboats for the Chinese Government, the *Gemma* and *Delta*, arrived here to-day. They are commanded, the first by Com. W. M. Lang, R.N., and the other by Com. Lawrence Ching, R.N. The other officers are Lieuts. R. F. Yonge, and R. H. Powell, R.N.; in the *Gemma*, and Lieuts. Hopkins and G. Heat, in the *Delta*. These boats have made a very creditable passage, having left Plymouth on the 28th February, calling at Gibraltar, Malta, Port Said, Suez, Aden, Galle, and Singapore.

SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 4th JUNE, 1877.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Cyphronia	4 f.	Wood	Brit. str.	1279	May 24	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saloon	To-day
Danube	...	Olanchy	Brit. str.	561	May 21	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	Sand's Slip
Douglas	6 h.	Pitman	Brit. str.	861	June 1	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	To-morrow
Duna	3 h.	Steele	Brit. str.	852	May 23	Gilman & Co.		
Emmy	3 c.	Blanco	Span. str.	.....	June 3	Remedios & Co.		
Feronia	4 c.	Schultz	Ger. str.	1085	May 29	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Swatow	To-day
Galley of Lorne	4 h.	MacDonald	Brit. str.	1389	May 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Glaucus	5 c.	Jackson	Brit. str.	1647	June 4	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	To-day
Gordon Castle	5 h.	Jones	Brit. str.	1312	June 1	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Shanghai	
Macgregor	3 c.	Newell	Brit. str.	2465	June 3	Gilman & Co.		
Mecca	3 h.	Johnson	Brit. str.	687	June 1	Hop Kee & Co.	Saloon	at daylight
Ningpo	5 c.	Cass	Brit. str.	761	June 2	Siemssen & Co.		
Norna	...	Walker	Brit. str.	906	May 27	Kwok Achong	Swatow	Coast Dock
Ocean	...	Jaques	Brit. str.	971	May 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Straits Settlements	K'loong Dock
Penedo	6 c.	Cain	Brit. str.	652	June 3	Siemssen & Co.	Klungchow	To-morrow
Teheran	2 h.	Johnson	Brit. str.	1671	June 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Thales	...	Coles	Brit. str.	810	May 29	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		K'loong Dock
W. Cores de Vries	2 h.	Welner	Brit. str.	334	June 4	Hok Moh Leong		
Yotlung	2 h.	Hawkins	Brit. str.	324	June 9	Kwok Achong		Repairing
Sailing Vessels								
A. E. Vidal	8 k.	Schreiker	Ger. bge.	420	May 29	Wieler & Co.		
Adela	4 c.	Beattie	Brit. bge.	354	May 8	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Alno	8 c.	Guilbert	Brit. bge.	300	June 3	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Augusto	4 k.	Thomsen	Brit. Sm. sc.	210	May 17	Meyer & Co.		
Barbara Taylor	4 k.	Taylor	Brit. sch.	252	June 2	Chinese		
Bertha	4 c.	Ringe	Ger. bge.	442	May 31	Wieler & Co.		
Canaan	8 c.	Mannson	Brit. sh.	840	May 21	Order		
Capella	...	Andersson	Swed. bge.	307	May 25	Order	Newchwang	Ab'deen Dock
Carleke	8 h.	Carr	Brit. bge.	916	May 10	Russell & Co.	Manilla	Wanchai Pier
Caura	4 k.	Thiemen	Ger. bge.	689	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Chamron Kamyo	2 h.	Möller	Slam. bge.	430	May 25	Kin-tye-loong		
Cheng Soon	2 h.	Cheng Sang	Slam. sch.	200	April 30	Chinese		
Chinaman	7 h.	McKenzle	Brit. bge.	690	May 21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Christian	3 k.	Stehr	Ger. Sm. sc.	282	June 3	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Tientsin	
Dauphine	8 h.	Lelionnais	Fch. bg.	327	May 28	Order		
Fifeshire	2 c.	Noss	Brit. sh.	750	May 24	Order		
Fleetwing	3 c.	Guest	Amer. sh.	829	May 7	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Formosa	8 c.	Hyland	Brit. bge.	915	May 29	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Formosa	3 k.	Schweer	Ger. bge.	282	May 25	Melchers & Co.	Newchwang	
Gaston Auger	7 c.	Gaillard	Fch. bge.	301	May 22	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Poochow	
Glamis	7 c.	Key	Brit. bge.	1150	May 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Yokohama	
Gryfe	8 c.	Roberts	Brit. sh.	1068	May 24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Harriet N. Carlton	...	Harkness	Amer. bge.	872	May 29	Russell & Co.	Honolulu	Coast Dock
Hannah & Mary	8 c.	Smith	Brit. bge.	356	May 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	K'loong Dock
Hannah Law	...	Greig	Brit. sh.	1299	April 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Malbourne & Sydney	
Helena	3 c.	Snow	Amer. bge.	603	May 4	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Helena	6 k.	Volguardson	Ger. bge.	372	June 3	Wieler & Co.		
Hieronymus	4 k.	Biehl	Ger. bge.	425	May 24	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander	5 h.	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	May 13	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Hongkong	8 k.	Oom	Ger. Sm. sc.	208	May 20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Poochow	
Hope	7 h.	Boulton	Brit. bge.	454	May 25	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Hydra	4 c.	Dest	Ger. bge.	785	May 27	Siemssen & Co.	Callao	
Iraui	4 k.	Pearce	Brit. bge.	327	May 25	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Iris	4 c.	Rüter	Ger. bge.	506	May 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Jacatra	8 h.	Dirksen	Dut. bg.	337	May 25	Russell & Co.		
Japan	8 k.	Walter	Ger. Sm. sc.	270	May 25	Siemssen & Co.		
Leicester	8 c.	Caddy	Brit. sh.	1809	May 24	Order		
Livingstone	8 k.	Maaok	Ger. bge.	530	May 23	Siemssen & Co.		
Lottier	8 h.	.....	Amer. sch.	45	Aug. 13	Insurance Cos.		
Lydia	...	Youngson	Brit. bge.	376	May 19	Order		McD.'s Slip
Madura	8 c.	Stanton	Brit. sh.	970	May 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Michelle Selchun	4 c.	Gerstenberg	Brit. bge.	447	May 24	Order	Touron	
New Era	3 c.	Sawyer	Brit. sh.	1060	April 25	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Novelty	4 c.	Colliver	Brit. bge.	375	May 17	Mozario & Co.	Melbourne & Sydney	Cleared
Prosto	4 c.	Lakiman	Brit. bge.	384	May 17	Master		
Rhoda	4 k.	Vincent	Brit. bge.	252	May 24	Chinese		
Roderick Hay	4 h.	Nicolson	Brit. bge.	290	June 3	Chinese		
Rosa Botcher	3 k.	Schultze	Ger. bge.	898	May 21	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Rajang (Borneo)	
Rosina	3 k.	Hansen	Am. Sm. sc.	406	Feb. 28	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Rotterdam	3 k.	Dik	Dut. bge.	760	May 25	Melchers & Co.		
San Lorenzo	3 c.	Madareaga	Span. bg.	220	May 23	Remedios & Co.		
Sourabaya Packet	3 c.	Verdunn	Dut. bge.	462	June 3	Order		
Stracathro	3 c.	Millar	Brit. sh.	1159	May 18	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Thomas Lord	...	Hall	Amer. sh.	1316	April 13	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Tullochgorum	...	Mason	Brit. Sm. sc.	175	April 20	Wieler & Co.	Haiphong	Jardine's Slip
Vesta	3 k.	Dirks	Ger. bge.	302	June 1	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Western Chief	8 h.	Hewer	Brit. sh.	750	May 26	Meyer & Co.		Wanchai Pier
WEAMPOA								
Victory	...	Whiting	Brit. bg.	255	June 2	Chinese	Tientsin	
CANTON								
Bombay	...	Smith	Brit. str.	749	May 9	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Chinkiang	...	Orr	Brit. str.	798	June 4	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ashueloc	5 c.	American	corvette	1037	6	700	May 18	Geo. H. Perkins
Charybdis	7 c.	British	corvette	1506	17	400	April 5	T. E. Smith
Cutlew	6 h.	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	May 4	E. J. Churob
Hart	6 h.	British	gun vessel	465	4	120	May 6	H. N. Hood
Juno	7 h.	British	corvette	1462	8	400	May 15	A. H. Boldero
Ling Feng	6 h.	Chinese	gunboat	354	2	80	June 1	J. Farrow
Maggie	7 h.	British	gun vessel	774	3	160	May 28	Charles Vernon Anson
Mecaneo	6 k.	British	military hospital	2591	...	.....	.....	.....
Modesto	6 c.	British	corvette	1405	14	350	April 13	Alex. Buller, C.B.
Moorhen	6 h.	British	gunboat	420	4	60	May 28	John Hope
Patino	K.D.	Spanish	transport	1200	...	.....	Feb. 23	Rapelle
Victor Emanuel	6 c.	British	Commodore's flag-ship	3087	2	.....	.....	Commodore Watson

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER
STEAMERS.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.
Fame	117	Stopani	H. & W'poo Dock Co.
Fai Wan	.....	.....	Capt. Sands
Ichang	700	Martin	Butterfield and Swire
Kin Shan	457	Cary	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Kiu Kiang	617	Benning, T.	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Lintin	69	.....	Kwok Achong
Powan	1890	Lefevre	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Saida	37	.....	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Sir J. Jeejeebhoy	101	.....	Kwok Achong
Spark	140	Hoyland	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
White Cloud	280	Benning, A.	H., C. & M. S.-boat Co.
Yotsal	180	Browne	Kwok Achong

CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON
WATERS, &c.

Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
An-lan	431	7	.....	J. Goddell
Chen-jul	23	1	.....	E. F. Collins
Ching-po	150	...	.....	Wan Lum Wan
Ching-sing	...	...	.....	K. Choy
Chun-hai	230	6	.....	.....
Peng-chou-hai	600	5	400	A. Fry
Quong-on	180	3	60	Li Ping Tye
Shen-chi	150	5	.....	H. Wade
Sui-tang	.....	...	.....	Stewart
Tching-tang	150	6	60	Edward
Tien-po	150	6	.....	C. De Longueville
Wing-po	600	3	150	Lam Man Wo

FOOCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

May 19, 1877.	
Flours Castle	for London
Glenearn	for London
Lady Bowen	for Shanghai
*Nanma	for Hongkong
*Olympia	for Hongkong
Wm. Manson	British barque

SHIPPING IN SHANGHAI HARBOUR.
May 31, 1877.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Ava	French
Ohn-aa	Chinese

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

May 19, 1877.	
Francis I.	French
Fusiyama	Chinese
*Glaucus	for London
Haukow (McQueen)	British
H. O. Orsted	Danish
Honan	Chinese
Kashgar	British
Kiang-wao	Chinese
Kwaiyuen	Chinese
Nanking	American
Scindia	British
Taiyew	Chinese
Ta-yen-fung	American

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

May 19, 1877.	
Tung Ting	Chinese
Yehsin	Chinese
MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.	
B. Aymar	American barque
Emulation	British barque
Hopeful	British schooner
John Nicholson	British ship
Louise	British schooner
Windhover	British ship

MEN-OF-WAR.

Kestrel	H. M. gunboat
La Clocheville	French corvette
Palos	U. S. gunboat
Sobel	Russian gunboat

* Since left port, or arrived at Hongkong.

laying the latter place on the 27th May. In addition to the 38 ton gun, they carry 2 Gatling guns, designed by Mr Rendel of Sir W. Armstrong & Co.'s firm. The vessels have experienced fine weather, throughout the passage, but their officers are of opinion that they are exceedingly good sea boats and are very buoyant when running head to sea.

The following notice to mariners, being an extract from the report of Captain J. MacDonald of the British steamship *Galley of Lorne*, is published in the *Government Gazette*:—"After having passed North Bay Point and steering round Cape Melville (Chart, Australia, East Coast, sheet XVII), my vessel touched on a mud bank not marked on the chart. Position: Cape Melville N.W. by W. 1/2 W. Westerly 4 1/2 miles. North Bay Point S.E. 3 1/2 miles. The tide ebbing rapidly, the vessel remained on the bank, the lowest water being 13 feet 6 inches. Four hours after grounding the vessel floated, not having received any damage. Inshore of the bank the depth of water was from 18 to 20 feet."

We learn that a private telegram has been received in town, the correctness of which may be relied on, to the effect that the steamer *Loudoun Castle* had arrived first at Singapore. When the *Castle* reached that port is not stated, but she left it at 11 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd; while the *Glencoe* followed her in the race six hours afterwards, viz., leaving Singapore for London at 5 a.m. yesterday (the 3rd). Both vessels have therefore made the run from Woonung to Singapore in about eight days. They are reported to have passed Woonung at 4.30 p.m. on 26th May; and if we presume, as we may fairly do, that the *Loudoun Castle* reached Singapore about the same hour on Saturday afternoon—closely followed evidently by her rival, the *Glencoe*—both vessels must have averaged a speed of 12 knots, against the monsoon. The race will clearly be a very close contest, judging from the distance already accomplished and the relative performance of each favourite.

This London and China Express says that owing to favourable winds on the 24th inst. no fewer than fifty-two ships from India, China, and Australia figured on the books of the "Jerusalem" Subscription Room as having arrived, the number being for one day the largest on record.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending May 30th, 1877:—

	European.	Chinese.
Thursday, May 24th, Holiday.	214	214
Friday, 25th, 41	228	228
Saturday, 26th, 46	256	256
Sunday, 27th, 36	283	283
Monday, 28th, 47	297	297
Tuesday, 29th, 38		
Wednesday, 30th, 34		
Totals,	242	1,878
Grand total, 1,620.		

"While thankful for mercies received, &c., I still think that the Fern-house might be kept open till 7 p.m." So saith a correspondent; and as we put the same proposition in slightly different words a few days since, it may be gathered that we concur in the suggestion. The "mercies received" refer, as we understand, to the fact that the Fern-house remains open until the particular hour devoted to "constitutional"—six o'clock in the evening;—and it is then shut! It would seem that there is some serious loss about the management of the Government Gardens generally; and this is to be regretted, as they are justly the pride of Hongkong. It may be that such a man as Mr Ford is not picked up every day, and that a difficulty presented itself in obtaining a competent *locum tenens*. Whatever the cause may be, the fact is too patent, that the Gardens are not tended as they were wont to be, and there are evident signs on all sides of a want of some capable head to see that the work is done. We observe that a number of rare plants presented some time since to the Government Gardens are in a most wretched condition—half of them are dead, while the remaining half appear to be dropping from sympathy at the general wreck. Now, as similar plants in the possession of amateurs are flourishing and healthy, this appears a strange comment on the present condition of official horticulture. Probably it would suit the Government to sell such plants—amateurs would gladly pay for them, and keep them alive without remuneration.

A PERFORMANCE was given at the Garrison Theatre on Saturday evening by the Royal Artillery Dramatic Club to a bumper house. The pieces presented were, a drama entitled "The Robber's Wife," and a farce "Turn him out." The first piece was not well played, the limited space on the stage being hardly suitable for the scenes of performance. This was particularly noticeable in the drop scene, where the heroine *Rose Redland* (Miss C. Clifford) is endeavouring to shield her father, Mr. Brierly (E. S. Reynolds), to whom she has just become known from the violence of her husband Mark Redland (Mr J. Dade)—a robber. These three with

do, are assembled in a room, and the case becomes desperate, when, to the astonishment of the spectators several soldiers, and peace officers rush into the room through the walls. The piece, however, was fairly good as a first attempt, the parts of *Rose Redland* and *Larry O'Gig*—an impetuous Irishman—being noticeably good.

In the second piece "Turn him out" the actors were more at home. Mr. Macintosh Moke (Mr J. Dade), a gentleman, has gone to Soarboro, leaving his wife *Julia* (Miss Amelia H. Cunningham) at his suburban residence in the care of *Susan* (Miss Mary Jane Smith) a maid of all work. Mr. *Eugenie Roseleaf* (Mr S. Comben) takes advantage of the husband's absence to pay his addresses to the lovely *Julia*, who is indignant at his audacity. Nothing daunted by her coldness he follows her to her residence, gaining admittance through the window. *Nicomachus Nobbs* (Mr E. S. Reynolds) an itinerant vendor of toys, is called in at this juncture and promised ten shillings if he will turn the coxcomb out, but as he had never seen the individual he mistakes Mr. Moke for him, and bundles poor Moke out of his own house in good style. Everything of course, as it invariably does, comes right at last. Mr. Reynolds is a good low comedian, and did not fail to avail himself of the opportunity here afforded him to display his abilities, keeping the audience in continuous good humour. Mary Jane Smith as *Susan* both acted and looked the part, but a little more attention to her 'get up' would have made a vast improvement. The character of *Julia* was not so well rendered—in fact, she appeared continually conscious that she was before an audience. We trust she will not be offended with us for our friendly hint—diffidence is a fault easily mended. A little more attention to dress on the part of Messrs. *Roseleaf* and *Moke* would not be amiss. The piece was really exceedingly well played as a whole, and the curtain fell amidst renewed and well-deserved applause. There will be a repetition of the performance, we believe, this evening.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates Sitting.) June 4, 1877.

BOARDING-HOUSE RUNNERS.
Chan Ping Kat and eleven others were again brought up for causing an obstruction to the fair-way of the steamer *Diomed* and for having boarded her before she came to her anchorage.

Mr Ng Choy appeared to defend the 1st, 4th, 8th, and 9th defendants. At the outset of the case, he asked the Court to let him know the specific charge under which the defendants were now before the Court. Mr. Russell then read the charge as it was recorded in the Police Charge Sheet, which was for causing an obstruction to the fair-way of the steamer.

Mr Ng Choy referred his Worship to Ordinance No. 1 of 1862, the Harbour Ordinance, under which the charge of obstruction arose, and contended that the *Diomed*, being a vessel from Liverpool was not a River or Coastal Steamer within the meaning of the Ordinance. The Magistrate said he was not proceeding under that Ordinance, under which he had no jurisdiction whatever. Mr Ng Choy then asked his Worship the specific law under which he would act. His Worship enquired if Mr Ng Choy meant to question the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr Ng Choy replied that he did not wish to do that, but he desired to know under what law his Worship would act, so that he might meet it. He meant that if the offence was proved under what law would his Worship punish the defendants. The Magistrate said he went upon the old Ordinance No. 14 of 1845. There were two charges whereby the defendants could be convicted, that of disorderly conduct in going on board the steamer, and that of obstruction under Ordinance No. 12 of 1866.

After these preliminary remarks the case was proceeded with. The evidence taken at the last hearing was read. The prosecuting Constable, Thomas Schmidt, was recalled, and affirmed his previous testimony.

Cross-examined:—I cannot identify the four defendants for whom Mr Ng Choy appears. They might have been sitting down in their boats and I cannot swear to their faces. I saw a number of men go up and come down from the steamer. I cannot swear that the four defendants referred to were over out of their boats or not. The Magistrate: Why did you arrest them? Witness: Because they were obstructing the steamer. There were 30 or 40 boats at the ship, and there was a general confusion when they saw the Police boats coming. I saw a number of men go up and then come down from the steamer as the Police came. I cannot swear that there were no boats passing at the time,—no boats crossing the harbour. There might have been, but I did not see any. Inspector Grimes was next examined. He saw the *Diomed* come in. She passed within 60 yards of the Chop. He saw a large number of boats trying to get near her, and a number of them got fastened to the steamer by means of boat-hooks, and about 20 or 30 had got on board as far as he could see. Witness then directed P. O. Schmidt to arrest them, and the boats ran away from the Police boat, making a terrible noise. He could not identify the defendants except that the men arrested wore similar clothing. The steamer listed to the starboard side because there were boats hanging on to the steamer on the other side.

By Mr Ng Choy:—I cannot swear as to the identity of the four defendants. I did not see any boats passing at the time,—boats crossing the harbour. I cannot swear that there were none. There might have been passengers who came into the boats that I saw go down from the sides of the steamer.

He could not identify the defendants, but he saw a number of men going up and down the steamer by means of boat-hooks. By Mr Ng Choy:—There were 4 or 5 or 6 boats alongside. There were others which were not alongside. The boatmen were not charged, but I was not responsible for that.

Mr Ng Choy said they might have been the real culprits. Continued:—I could not identify the defendants as being the men who had gone up and down the steamer.

At this stage Mr Ng Choy asked that his clients be discharged, as there was no evidence that they took part in the obstruction. The evidence was simply that there was an obstruction, but by whom it was committed there was no proof. It was the boatmen who ought to have been the party held responsible, and not the defendants. They were primarily the offenders if there was any obstruction at all. The evidence was by no means satisfactory. There was no doubt a great deal of confusion, and a general rush, but in order to convict the defendants, his Worship must be sure that they were the men who committed the offence. For aught they knew, his clients might have been passengers in a boat crossing the harbour at the time. He concluded his argument by remarking that it was the boatmen who caused the obstruction and not the defendants who were mere passengers in the boats.

Mr Russell in giving judgment said the evidence was indefinite, none of the defendants could be identified. He had no moral doubt that the defendants were the persons who caused the obstruction, but legally there was no proof. He quite appreciated Mr Ng Choy's argument that the boatmen should have been first charged, and if the Police had them brought up, his Worship might have found out something more. He then remarked on the inconvenience caused to the navigation of the steamer by such nuisances, and said that taking all circumstances into consideration, he would discharge them but would order them to give security in \$25 each to be of good behaviour for one month.

MORE OBSTRUCTION.
Chun Tin Kwai and six others were again brought up for causing an obstruction to the steamer *Douglas* as she came into the harbour last Friday. The evidence in this case was similar to that in the previous one, viz., that there was an obstruction caused by some one, but by whom the Constable could not say because of the rush.

Mr Ng Choy also appeared in this case for the 1st, 4th and 6th defendants. His cross-examination and argument were pretty much the same as in the last case. The Magistrate discharged all the defendants, except the 4th, a boatman, and called upon him to give security in \$25 for one month to be of good behaviour.

YET MORE OBSTRUCTIONS.
Sung Aming and three others were charged with having boarded the steamer *Diomed* as she came in and before the arrival of the Health Officer.

The defendants were undefended, and the evidence went to show that the 1st defendant was an adept at this sort of thing and had been frequently warned. The 1st defendant said he thought the steamer had anchored, and that he could go alongside. The 2nd and 3rd said they were passengers. The 4th admitted that he did go on board, but he was taken there by the 1st. Fined, the 1st defendant \$5, the 2nd and 3rd \$1 each, and the 4th \$2.

A PICK-POCKET.
Chun Atoi, a hawker, was charged with picking the pocket of one Lai Ahing at Sowkwan at a theatrical performance there. Three months' hard labour.

A JUVENILE OFFENDER.
Man Ato, a boy 15 years of age, was charged with stealing several birds' skins which were set out to dry at West Point. Seven days' imprisonment and to be whipped ten strokes on the breech.

"MAI-TAU-FU."
Ching Achee, a hawker, was charged with calling out his wares for sale within the prohibited district. He was hawking bean-curd and calling out "mai tau-fu." Fined 25 cents.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.
Wong Atai, a married woman, charged with attempting to force two young girls to become prostitutes, was again brought up. The defendant elected to be dealt with by the two Magistrates, and was sent to three months' hard labour for each offence, viz., six months in all.

AN INVENTIVE THIEF.
Woo A Lai, a coolie, was charged by Tsui Wa, for stealing a drawer from a chest of drawers. The defendant was identified to have been six times in goal. He was therefore committed for trial.

THE MACAO BURGLARY.
Chun Aze, who was a short time ago charged with committing a burglary and abduction at Macao, was again brought up for being a suspicious character. The defendant was charged with a few months ago with committing these crimes in an outlying village in Macao, and although the prosecutor was not to attend the trial here, he was afraid to give evidence for fear of the consequences the Magistrate had no alternative but to recommend the defendant's deportation. He was accordingly deported, but he came to the Colony again and was re-arrested with a large number of pawn-tickets in his possession; they represent property to a very large amount, and a communication had been sent both to the Macao and Canton Authorities to see if any claimants would come forward. Meanwhile the case was remanded till the 11th.

ANOTHER PICK-POCKET.
Wai Ahching, a chair-cooler, was sent to three months' hard labour for stealing several dollars in notes from the pocket of a Spanish seaman named Carlotto, who was employed on board the Spanish transport *Patino*, now undergoing repairs in the Kowloon Docks.

CHINA.
SHANGHAI.
(Notes.)

The annual meeting of the Shanghai Gas Company was held yesterday (May 28th). During the year an increased consumption of gas was reported, and the net profit had amounted to Tls. 38,817, of which Tls. 18,000 had been devoted to dividends. It was expected to clear off the Gas-holder loan during the current year. By irregularities at the Works, during the absence

of Mr Yeo, the Company had sustained a loss of Tls. 1,590 in the coal account and Tls. 163 in the coke account, through deficiencies in the quantities delivered, and to meet these losses the next half-yearly dividend is proposed to be 5 instead of 6 per cent. Messrs J. G. Purdon, F. B. Forbes, and F. G. White were elected Directors for the ensuing year.

We note from the Customs Returns that the *Glencaryn* took 16,615 piculs of tea, and the *Tartar* 18,870; the cargo of the *Glencaryn* was 22,876, and that of the *Loudoun Castle* 22,544 piculs. The four steamers, therefore, have taken 9,882,084 lbs. The *Shanghai* hardly makes such a definite statement regarding the prospects of "the Woonung and Soochow Railway," as the *Courier* implies. It mentions Mr Morrison's recent visit to Soochow, which it understands was made with a view to see the officials about surveying such a line; and that the course is likely to be past Kading and Taitan. It further understands that the material of the present Woonung railway is likely to be transported to Formosa, and that a more substantial road will be laid in its place. Expatriating upon the convenience and expedition of railway travel, it goes on to remark that all these advantages will be available between Shanghai and Soochow in "a year or more," when the line to Soochow is completed.—There is no doubt the Chinese are seriously contemplating such a line, and it is reported that they are talking of trying to borrow Tls. 12,000,000 for the purpose. But we fear the work will hardly be finished in a year.

HANKOW.
A private letter from Hankow says:—A large business continues to be done daily in Tea; the 60 Chas-sees who have arrived seem to be in a feverish state of excitement to buy up all the first-crop teas as quickly as possible, on the ground that there is no finest tea on offer, and the total supplies of that description will be very small; the teas are 20 to 25 per cent cheaper than last year; they may improve on the passage; the Foochow market may not open soon, &c., &c. The Chinese teas are said to have made a very good profit—from Tls. 3 to Tls. 10 per picul, so far, for what they have sold. As a matter of fact, the *Loudoun Castle* and *Glencaryn*, with 43,000 piculs of this season's tea, will probably arrive in London about the 1st July, and no doubt a very fair quantity out of their cargoes will be offered at public auction "without reserve," and knock down the market 2d. or 3d. before any important public sales can be made. The dearly bought experience of last year seems to be entirely forgotten, and people are again hurrying to buy in a few weeks a whole crop which takes months to sell. Yet, the first crop is said to be abundant, and if prices continue to be remunerative, there will be no short supply of second-crop.

Another letter says:—"Tea is cheaper than it has been for some years, if tea price is any guide; the only thing to be feared is the effect of the first crop being forwarded as quickly as last year. 168,000 chests have been settled to date. The *Tartar* and *Glencaryn* will be away on Sunday."

In reporting the opening of the season 1877-78, Messrs. Gordon Bros. write:—It is with regret that we have to record very heavy settlements notwithstanding the necessity recognised by all, of not hurrying supplies forward on the same scale as last year.

Musters of Ningchows were on offer on the 17th inst., and Messrs. Reid, Evans & Co. opened the market on the following day with the purchase of what we consider the finest chop of the season, "Teen Hung," 1,280 half-chests, at Tls. 44; the same chop last year fetching Tls. 35 per picul. Subsequent settlements of Ningchows amount to 39,800 half-chests, at a reduction of about 20% on last year's prices.

Hankow District Teas were shown on the 18th inst., and only one day was allowed to elapse before large purchases were made, the daily business since averaging 16,000 chests.

Ching Sow Kai, Onafaa, and Pingkong Teas have attracted most attention, while Nip Ka See, Wunka, and Seangtain kinds have been comparatively neglected. The highest prices paid have, as usual, been for special chops for the Russian market. The well known "Sun Chong," "Monarch" chop of Onafaa, has been settled at Tls. 33 against Tls. 37.50, and Tls. 38, in the two previous years.

The quality of the crop is again disappointing, the more so, as we were led to believe that the weather in the Tea Districts had been unusually favorable, and that, in consequence, the Teas would be fine. We incline to the opinion that Tea-men having been made aware of the probability of a small Russian demand this season, have endeavoured to reduce the cost of their Teas by neglecting to pick the chops as carefully as they would otherwise have done.

In the dry leaf the Teas are certainly no better than last year, some Districts, notably Nip Ka See, Wun Kai, and Lye Ling being worse, while the infused leaf is dark and decidedly inferior. The only redeeming feature this year is that Teas generally possess strength, and it remains to be seen whether the trade in London will consider this a sufficient set-off against inferiority in leaf.

In looking over the Teas from the various Districts, we give preference to the Ningchow and Onafaa kinds, while the most striking inferiority is manifest in the Wun Kai, Yung Low Toong and Lye Ling descriptions.

Three steamers are already full, but it must be borne in mind that, in the absence of any direct steamers for Russia this year, a fair portion of their cargoes consist of transhipment Teas for that country.

Settlements for the five days since the opening of the market are as under:—
19,280 chests.
123,790 half-chests.
2,210 boxes.
39,800 half-chests Ningchows.

The comparison with the same number of days last season, we estimate as follows:—
1877. 1878.
For England, 87,880 chests. 80,850 chests.
" Russia, 33,490 " 38,000 "

101,080 chests. 68,850 chests.
Freights.—The *Glencaryn* and *Loudoun Castle* have all ready at 48 10s., and the *Glencaryn* is fully engaged at 50. The *Tartar* is loading at 50, other steamers sailing 54 to 54 10s. The rate per clipper ship to London is 54 8s. per ton of 80 feet. Through rates to London are 54 12s. 6d. per M. M. Co. and P. & O., and 54 per Holt's line. The steamers in port are *Glencaryn*, *Tartar*, *Hankow*, *Braemar Castle*, *Sand Amsterdam* and *Rodnorshire*, and the clipper ship *John R. Worcester*, N. O. D. News.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

(Money Market Review, of April 21.)

The twenty-third ordinary general meeting of shareholders was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday; Mr. William Paterson in the chair. The notice calling the meeting was read by Mr. William Charles Mullins, the secretary; the report of the directors, which was taken as read, was as follows:—

"The general balance-sheet and profit and loss account now submitted to the shareholders show that, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, the net profit for the year ended 30th December last, inclusive of £5,989 7s. 2d. brought forward, amounted to £119,807 0s. 9d.; whereof £20,000 was absorbed by the interim dividend declared last October, leaving an available balance of £99,807 0s. 9d. Of this sum, the directors propose, in pursuance of the policy already approved by the shareholders, to transfer £65,000 to the reserve, thereby increasing that fund to £110,000. They further recommend that a dividend of 3 per cent. be declared for the past half-year (free of income-tax), making, with the distribution in October last, a dividend of 6 per cent. for the year. There will then remain a balance of £3,307 0s. 9d. to be carried to profit and loss new account. The directors deemed it expedient, previous to closing the accounts, to write off £210,000 for depreciation of the Bank's premises abroad. They have also thought it desirable to set aside £5,000 for the creation of an officers' superannuation fund. Mr. James Whittall, lately a partner of Messrs Jardine, Matheson, and Co., of China, has consented to join the board, and the shareholders will be asked to confirm his election as soon as the deed of settlement permits. The directors retiring by rotation, Mr. Frederick William Heggiers and Mr. William Christian, present themselves for re-election. Mr. Owen Lewis and Mr. William Vanner, having completed their term of office as auditors, again tender their services."

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, the report having been taken as read, it is now my duty to propose its adoption, and I have great pleasure in doing so, as 1876 has been a fortunate year for the bank, and in the second half of the year the result has exceeded our anticipations. When we last met, I was glad to tell you that the bank was in a sounder condition than it had been in for many years, and it is very gratifying for us now to add that it is in a better position at the present time than it ever was. (Cheers.) We are doing a sound, regular business. Our deposits and current accounts are increasing. The figures before you will indicate this; and as they show that the result of our working during the past year has exceeded 15 per cent. profit upon our capital, I think you will agree with us that the year has been an exceptionally good one. It will be very satisfactory for you to know that, in pursuance of the policy which I mentioned last April, the capital of the bank permanently employed in the East now stands in our books at such rates of exchange that we may calculate on its full equivalent being returned in sterling bills if it were necessary to order it home. (Cheers.) The increase in our expenditure is chiefly accounted for by the extra cost of telegrams necessitated by the constant fluctuations in silver and exchanges. Telegrams are useful for many purposes, and are of the greatest importance to a bank of this description, as they prevent the losses which formerly arose through tardy information. With respect to the £10,000 written off premises account, although our freehold in The Strand, which would probably fetch more than it stands at in our books, yet our property in the East is liable to depreciation, from various causes, and therefore we think it prudent to write off £10,000, having in view more especially our premises at Bombay, which, although in a central position, and only twelve years old, might not fetch the amount at which they stood in our books. As regards the sum of £5,000 which we have placed to a superannuation fund, I think you will agree with us that it is only right that we should make some provision for our staff. Many of them are employed in unhealthy climates, and may break down at their posts. Claims naturally arise, therefore, and will increase as the bank gets older. You will be glad to see that we have made a substantial addition to the reserve fund, and we think that in doing so we are meeting your views better than if we had increased the dividend. (Hear, hear.) Doubts have sometimes been expressed as to the expediency of having so many agencies, and therefore I think it is right to say that all have contributed more or less to our profits. The past year has been a year of anxiety, and to none more so than to our general manager, Mr. Gwyther. I am sure no one could have been more assiduous than he has been, and we owe our best thanks to him, as well as to his colleagues, including our agents and managers abroad. (Cheers.) It seems unnecessary to detain you any longer; I will therefore propose the resolution—"That the report now presented, together with the balance-sheet and profit and loss account, be approved and adopted." (Cheers.)

Mr. John Jones seconded the resolution. Mr. Bell thought the shareholders must be very much gratified with the report which had been placed in their hands. It was somewhat difficult to make a comparison between this bank and others, because the chairman had stated, and no doubt the principle which he had enunciated was a sound one, that in the balances sheet the silver had been reduced to a gold basis, whilst some of the other banks still calculated their silver at 2s. per rupee. He thought it would be for the interest of the bank if the chairman frankly told the shareholders a what rate of exchange the capital had been estimated when the accounts were closed.

The Chairman: I have no hesitation in answering that question at once. We believe we have put the rate of exchange upon a very safe basis, viz., the rupee at 1s. 9d., and the dollar at 4s. Of course, I allude to the capital permanently employed in the East. Mr. J. O. Turtles said no one appreciated more than he did the advantage of a good reserve fund, but he thought that, instead of adding £65,000 to that fund, the directors would have done better to have carried only £50,000 to it, and, if the difference of £10,000 had been added to the dividend, it would have given the shareholders an extra 1 1/2 per cent.

Mr. Joveney said he hoped that the bank's profits would be as large in the future as they had been during the past year, but trusted it would be an exceptional thing to carry such a large amount to the reserve fund.

Mr. Adam congratulated the directors on having achieved the great object of forming a good reserve fund, and he hoped they would add to it as circumstances permitted. (Cheers.) But the question he had to ask was, would they keep it as working capital, or invest it specially in securities?

Mr. H. Baines congratulated the directors upon the success of the past six months, but he thought the consideration of the superannuation fund might have been postponed another twelvemonth at least. (No, no.) He also thought the dividend should be larger, and less carried to the reserve fund. He hoped that next year, if the bank was in the same prosperous condition, the shareholders would receive more consideration. Mr. Purdy, speaking as a banker, expressed his unqualified satisfaction with the report and accounts, and also the mode of distributing the profits. The bank had, no doubt, passed through a period of trouble; the opportunity had now presented itself of strengthening the reserve, and he for one rejoiced that the directors had had the boldness to do this. Nothing could be more gratifying than the present position of the bank, and there should be no niggardly compulsion paid to the directors, but they should receive the hearty, cordial and unflinching support of the shareholders. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: The directors would very much have liked a larger dividend themselves, but they look upon the reserve as of paramount importance, as it not only adds to the value of the shares, but also to the stability of the institution. With regard to the question as to how the reserve fund is employed, the shareholders can see by the accounts before them that a portion of the bank's funds is invested in Government securities.

The resolution for the adoption of the report and accounts was then put, and carried unanimously. The Chairman then moved that a dividend of 3 per cent. be declared for the half-year ending 30th December last, free of income-tax, payable on and after the 25th inst. Mr. F. W. Heggiers: I have great pleasure in seconding that. The very lively interest which you have taken in the dissolution of to-day encourages me to ask for your co-operation in furthering the interests of the bank. The resolution was put, and carried unanimously. The Chairman: Before putting the third resolution, I may state, as you will find in the report, that Mr. James Whittall has joined the board since the commencement of the year, and when I mention that he has lately retired from a leading house in China, this fact, irrespective of his own merits, will, I am confident, ensure his unanimous election at the next half-yearly meeting according to the articles of association. (Cheers.) I have now the pleasure to propose that Mr. F. W. Heggiers, who retires, be re-elected a member of the board. Mr. Wm. Macnaughtan: I have pleasure in seconding that. The resolution was put, and carried unanimously. The Chairman: I have now to propose that Mr. Wm. Christian, who also retires, be re-elected a director of the board. Mr. L. Wies: I have pleasure in seconding that. The resolution was carried unanimously. The auditors—Mr. Owen Lewis and Mr. Wm. Vanner—were reappointed. Mr. Surtees proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and directors. (Cheers.) Mr. C. B. Skinner seconded the resolution, which was put and carried unanimously. The Chairman thanked the shareholders, and, with a vote of thanks to the manager and staff, the meeting broke up.

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Doctor Cumming, preaching at the Scotch Church, Convent Garden, said that all students of prophecy were agreed that the world, and Europe especially, was now on the eve of the greatest catastrophe which has ever happened in the history of mankind.

Quotations.
HONGKONG, June 4, 1877.
OPIUM.—New Patna, cash, 4570
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Old Patna, cash, 555
New Malwa, cash, 575
credit, 580
Allowance Teas, 4 a 24
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credit, 600
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JAMPHUR, ... 19.50 a 19.60
QUICKSILVER, ... 62 a 62.60
SALTPETRE, ... 6.50 a 7.25

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Bank, on demand, ... 3/11 1/2
" 30 days' sight, ... 4/0
" 6 months' sight, ... 4/0 1/2
Credits, ... 4/0 1/2
Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 4/1
Bombay, ... 232 a 233
Calcutta, ... 232 a 233
Shanghai, demand, ... 74 1/2
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H. DE POUEY,
Agent.
 Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

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S. B. EMORY, Agent.
 Hongkong, May 31, 1877.

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 Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

NOTICE.

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 Notes and Queries.
 The "King Kiao" or Nestorian Religion.
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China Mail Office,
 Hongkong, May 12, 1877.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.

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Hankow.—Yee Hing Hong.

Ching.—Yee Shing Hing.

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Saigon.—Wohang Hong.

Singapore.—Ting Kee Hong; Kwong Fook Sing Hong.

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San Francisco.—Kwong Fong Tai Hong.
 The above are some of the Agents; others will be published, when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express carriers who carry the official despatches and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.
 Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

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Manager.
 Hongkong, February 23, 1874.

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 Hongkong, May 8, 1877.

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, June 2, 1877.

At 1110 Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Highland Cash.

Butcher Meat.

Bacon, English, lb. 450 400

" Ame. Sugar cured, 300 250

" Foochow, 160 140

Beef, tallow and prime cut, 160 150

Best Corned, 150 140

" Roast, 150 140

" Soup, 100 90

" Steak, 160 150

Bullocks' Brains, per set 60 50

" Tongue, fresh, each 275 250

" " corned, 320 300

" Head, 600 600

" Heart, 150 140

" Hump, Salt, 110 100

" Feet, 50 40

" Kidneys, 60 50

" Tail, 100 90

" Liver, 80 60

" Tripe, (undressed), catty 50 40

Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 400

Hams, American, lb. 300 280

" Chinese, 180 170

" English, 360 340

Mutton Chop, 180 180

" Leg, 190 180

" Shoulders, 140 130

" Liver, 130 120

Pigs' Chittlings, catty 60 50

" Feet, 100 90

" Fry, 110 100

" Head, 90 80

" Heart, 60 50

" Kidneys, 80 70

" Liver, 80 70

Pork Chop, 150 140

" Corned, 180 180

" Leg, 150 140

" Fat or Land, 110 100

Sheep's Head and Feet, set 240 230

" Heart, 50 40

" Kidneys, 80 70

Sucking Pigs, 1750 1000

Veal, 140 120

Poultry.

Capon, catty 250 220

Ducks, catty 120 110

Eggs, Hen, doz. 100 —

" Duck, 100 —

" Salt, 120 —

Fowls, catty 180 160

Geese, 120 110

Partridges, each 350 300

Phoosant, Canton, pair \$1.50 —

Pigeons, each 150 140

Quail, 130 —

Rabbits, 800 500

Teal, 400 350

Turkeys, Cock, catty 800 700

" Hen, 500 450

Fish.

Bombay Ducks, new per hundred 350 300

Bream, catty 70 60

Carp, 80 70

Codfish, Salt, lb. 160 150

Crabs, catty 250 140

Cuttle Fish, 100 80

Dace, 90 70

Eels, Congor, 70 60

" Yellow, 120 —

File Fish, 60 50

Fresh Fish, Large, 180 120

" Small, 80 70

Frogs, 200 160

Garoupa, 180 160

Herrings